intended results. E-governance efforts lead to efficient and hassle-free delivery of services to the common man.

Further, Recruitment to the I.A.S. is made through Civil Services Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. Keeping in view the interests of common man, a candidate is allowed to take the written as well as interview test of said examination in any of the Indian languages included in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution of India. No minimum qualifying marks has been prescribed for the interview test.

Acquital of accused

†3295. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corrupt officers raided by CBI in September and October, 2005;

(b) the number of persons out of these at whose place unaccounted for property had been unearthed and the action taken against them;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 95 per cent of the accused go scot free;

(d) if so, whether it is not necessary to evolve such system in these cases which can ensure rational ending to these cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) On 30.9.2005, CBI had conducted a Special Drive during which 59 cases against 132 persons including 76 public servants were registered and searches carried out at 216 places across the country. Out of above, 39 cases were registered against 39 public servants for possession of disportionate assets.

(c) to (f) All the cases registered during the Special Drive conducted on 30.9.2005 are still at different stages of investigation and hence the question of accused going scot free does not arise. the conviction rate of CBI cases during the last three years *i.e.* 2002, 2003 and 2004 has been 68.7%, 68.36% and 66.33% respectively.

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.